

“GOD WANTS YOU”

Hebrews 12:18-24

Message 1626

There are two forces in the world bidding for you. There are two forces that want you. One force is God the Creator, the Almighty. The other force is the devil, God's chief enemy. In the devil's treacherous ways he often takes people captive. But God in His mercy and love has designed a plan for you and for me so that we can be set free from Satan's chains. I'm sure you want to be delivered.

Hebrews 12:18-24 tells you what has been done to set you free from Satan for **GOD WANTS YOU!**

18. For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

19. And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

20. (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

21. And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

22. But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

It is wonderful to be wanted. This text demonstrates the **WAYS** by which God wants to bring you to Himself.

BY THE SUPERNATURAL REVELATION God came to bring man to Himself. In a brief statement we are informed what happened in that supernatural revelation when God brought the light of truth, contained in the law, to Moses on Mount Sinai.

It was beyond nature. It had a setting in nature because that mountain could be touched. There was fire there and there was blackness and darkness. Yet, it was beyond nature. It was a supernatural revelation that Moses received. The mountain was ablaze with fire, the glory of God. Yet there was darkness and blackness and a tempest.

There was also the trumpet of the Lord and it sounded louder and louder. Then finally there was the voice of God with words! To no other people, and at no other time has revelation come like that. This we can call supernatural revelation. There is no other explanation of the experience Moses had on Mount Sinai to which our writer in the book of Hebrews refers.

It is by supernatural revelation that God demonstrates to you that He wants to bring you to Himself.

BY THE SOVEREIGN RESTRICTION God showed the way. That mountain, which became holy because God came to it, was off limits for any mortal creature. The presence of God on that mountain

forbade any creature touching it. Exodus describes how they were to set boundaries around the base of the mountain so that nobody, no human being, no beast, no creature, could come near the mountain. If they did they were to be stoned or killed with a spear.

We can surely understand by this that the holiness of God is awesome and restrictive. Even Moses, a servant of God, when he looked upon what was happening said, "I exceedingly fear and quake." Yet God called to Moses to come up into the mount to receive the revelation from God.

By this sovereign restriction we are shown that God wants to bring us to Himself. He wants you. But He wants you to understand that in your natural situation, the way you are, His holiness forbids you coming close. Certain conditions in your life forbid intimacy with God. This is what I call sovereign restriction. God's divine holiness is that reality which keeps us from coming into His presence. And yet, by the very fact that there is this sovereign restriction God demonstrates that He wants you.

BY THE SUPERIOR RECEPTION God demonstrated that He wants you. Let this bless your heart because God has brought together seven great ideas in this superior reception that He wants to grant you when you come to Him.

First, "You are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem." Second, "You are come to an innumerable company of angels." Third, "You are come to the church of the firstborn," (surely having reference to the body of Jesus). Fourth, "You are come to God, the Judge of all." Fifth, "You are come to spirits of just men made perfect." Sixth, "You are come to Jesus, the mediator." Seventh, "And you are come to the blood of sprinkling."

Now, think about those seven great ideas that God has incorporated in this superior reception: the city of the living God; that innumerable company of angels of the spirit world who are ministers of God; the church of Jesus Christ made up of believers around the world; the Judge of all, even God; those who have gone before, the spirits of just men made perfect; and Jesus who stands as mediator between us and the divine righteousness of God; and the blood, Jesus' blood, makes possible our forgiveness. This is truly a superior reception for you. Praise the Lord!

God wants you, my friend. There is no other reception like this one. What a superior reception God has provided so that you and I can come into His presence. These three ways coordinate to demonstrate that God wants you. He has done all that is necessary. He has provided abundantly. So the next move is yours.